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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Craig FARR

Serial No.: 10/812,902

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Filed: March 31, 2004

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING DIVIDEND ENHANCED  
CONVERTIBLE STOCKS WITH ACCELERATION TRIGGERS

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER M.P.E.P. 708.02 (VIII)**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102<sup>1</sup> and MPEP § 708.02, Applicant, through the undersigned attorney for Applicant, respectfully petitions the Commissioner for advanced examination of this application (hereafter "Application"). Advanced examination is requested on the basis of special grounds pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 (a) and (d) in

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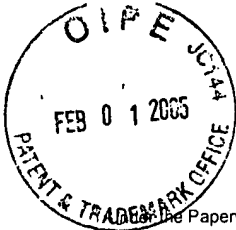
<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.102 Advancement of examination.

(a) Applications will not be advanced out of turn for examination or for further action except as provided by this part, or upon order of the Commissioner to expedite the business of the Office, or upon filing of a request under paragraph (b) of this section or upon filing a petition under paragraphs (c) or (d) of this section with a showing which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, will justify so advancing it.

(b) Applications wherein the inventions are deemed of peculiar importance to some branch of the public service and the head of some department of the Government requests immediate action for that reason, may be advanced for examination.

(c) A petition to make an application special may be filed without a fee if the basis for the petition is the applicant's age or health or that the invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment or materially contribute to the development or conservation of energy resources.

(d) A petition to make an application special on grounds other than those referred to in paragraph (c) of this section must be accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(h).

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**Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g) & (h)**  
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**Enclosed is a petition filed under 37 CFR 1.17(h) that requires a processing fee (37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), or (h)). Payment of \$ 130.00 is enclosed.**

This form should be included with the above-mentioned petition and faxed or mailed to the Office using the appropriate Mail Stop (e.g., Mail Stop Petition), if applicable. For transmittal of processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17(i), see form PTO/SB/17i.

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Enclose a duplicative copy of this form for fee processing.☒ Check in the amount of \$ 130.00 is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 or equivalent enclosed). Do not provide credit card information on this form.**Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(f): Fee \$400 Fee Code 1462**

For petitions filed under:

- § 1.53(e) - to accord a filing date.
- § 1.57(a) - to accord a filing date.
- § 1.182 - for decision on a question not specifically provided for.
- § 1.183 - to suspend the rules.
- § 1.378(e) - for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing to accept delayed payment of maintenance fee in an expired patent.
- § 1.741(b) - to accord a filing date to an application under § 1.740 for extension of a patent term.

**Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(g): Fee \$200 Fee Code 1463**

For petitions filed under:

- § 1.12 - for access to an assignment record.
- § 1.14 - for access to an application.
- § 1.47 - for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor.
- § 1.59 - for expungement of information.
- § 1.103(a) - to suspend action in an application.
- § 1.136(b) - for review of a request for extension of time when the provisions of section 1.136(a) are not available.
- § 1.295 - for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.
- § 1.296 - to withdraw a request for publication of a statutory invention registration filed on or after the date the notice of intent to publish issued.
- § 1.377 - for review of decision refusing to accept and record payment of a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.
- § 1.550(c) - for patent owner requests for extension of time in ex parte reexamination proceedings.
- § 1.956 - for patent owner requests for extension of time in inter partes reexamination proceedings.
- § 5.12 - for expedited handling of a foreign filing license.
- § 5.15 - for changing the scope of a license.
- § 5.25 - for retroactive license.

**Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(h): Fee \$130 Fee Code 1464**

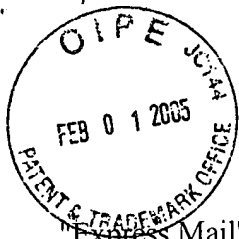
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- § 1.19(g) - to request documents in a form other than that provided in this part.
- § 1.84 - for accepting color drawings or photographs.
- § 1.91 - for entry of a model or exhibit.
- § 1.102(d) - to make an application special.
- § 1.138(c) - to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.
- § 1.313 - to withdraw an application from issue.
- § 1.314 - to defer issuance of a patent.

  
SignatureJohn M. Harrington  
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Date25,592  
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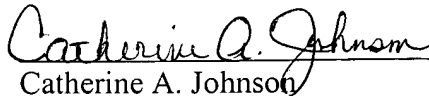
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Catherine A. Johnson

accordance with the procedures set forth in MPEP § 708.02 (VIII)<sup>2</sup> for a new application (one which has not received any examination by the examiner).

**1. Accompanying material**

Accompanying this petition are the following documents:

(1) A declaration from the Applicant's undersigned attorney providing: (a) a statement that all claims are directed to a single invention, or if the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, that Applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status; (b) a statement that a pre-examination search directed to the invention as claimed in this application was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc.; and (c) a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

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<sup>2</sup>708.02 Petition To Make Special [R-2]

**VIII. SPECIAL EXAMINATION PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN NEW APPLICATIONS—  
ACCELERATED EXAMINATION**

A new application (one which has not received any examination by the examiner) may be granted special status provided that applicant (and this term includes applicant's attorney or agent) complies with each of the following items:

(A) Submits a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h);

(B) Presents all the claims directed to a single invention, or if the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status;

....

(C) Submits a statement(s) that a pre-examination search was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc. The pre-examination search must be directed to the invention as claimed in the application for which special status is requested. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement if the claims in the corresponding foreign application are of the same or similar scope to the claims in the U.S. application for which special status is requested;

(D) Submits one copy each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and

(E) Submits a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

(2) One copy each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record.

**2. Fee**

Attached is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the fees required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h). If any additional fees are required in connection with this matter, the same may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1458.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2/1/05

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